

**MINUTES OF THE EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

6:15 PM Executive Session.

The Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Karen Nocella, Michael Albert Moyer, and Anthony Duffy. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Brady Flaherty, Township Engineer.

The Board of Supervisors Chairman, Ray Kolb, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Mr. Kolb turned the meeting over to Township Solicitor, Mark Hosterman. Mr. Hosterman reported the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss Police contract negotiations.

Chairman Kolb turned the floor over to Mr. Hosterman to begin the Public Hearing on three ordinances.

Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance No. 218 Parking.

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST COVENTRY, CHAPTER 15 (MOTOR VEHICLES), PART 4 (GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS), BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 15-409 ENTITLED "ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS" TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP PARKING REGULATIONS; TO ADD A NEW SECTION 15-410 ENTITLED "ENFORCEMENT" TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING VIOLATION NOTICES AND TICKETS FOR A VIOLATION OF TOWNSHIP PARKING REGULATIONS; TO DELETE EXISTING SECTION 15-409 (PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION) IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 15-411 ENTITLED "PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS" TO ESTABLISH A \$20 FINE FOR A VIOLATION OF LOCAL PARKING REGULATIONS.

Mr. Hosterman noted the proposed ordinance has been previously discussed and duly advertised. He offered a brief overview of the ordinance and asked if there were any question or comments. Ray Kolb asked about payment of the \$20 parking ticket during a snow emergency. Mr. Hosterman responded although a violator has a 24-hour window to pay the fine, in the case of an emergency, Township personnel could knock on a few doors to try and locate the owner. He further related the Township does have the authority to tow if the parked vehicle is creating a hazard or impeding emergency efforts. Each situation is different and would need to be evaluated on a one by one basis. Mr. Rinehart asked if knocking on doors and notifying a car's owner means they are issued a violation. Chief Mossman stated the police will make effort to inform vehicle owner they are in violation by knocking on their door. Mr. Hosterman replied if they are given a verbal notice and fail to act it would result in a citation.

Liz Willow, 683 Ellis Woods Road, stated she agrees with issuing tickets but would like to see lower fees imposed.

Walt Woessner, 164 Schoolhouse Rd., asked if a roadway has to be posted to enforce the parking regulations. He also asked if the Township has any roadways with shoulders. Chief Mossman stated all roadways fall under PA Motor Vehicle Code and any roadway (as defined PA Motor Vehicle Code) is considered a travel lane; therefore, the owner of a parked vehicle may be cited if a passing vehicle must

enter the oncoming traffic lane in order to get around the parked vehicle. Mark Hosterman asked the Chief for clarification on parking in a subdivision development with no center yellow line. The Chief replied if there is adequate space on the roadway for a vehicle to pass without interfering with oncoming traffic and parking regulations are not posted, curbside parking may be permitted.

Missy King, 10 Eleanor Drive, asked about landscaper vehicles. Chief Mossman replied it would be evaluated on a case by case basis. Parking along the street is permissible if a flagger is present; otherwise, they could be ticketed.

There were no further comments or questions to come before the board. The public hearing ended at 7:13 p.m. and Chairman Kolb called for a vote.

W. Atlee Rinehart motioned to approve passage of Ordinance No. 218 – Parking, and Karen Nocella seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Proposed Ordinance No. 219 Brush, Grass and Weeds Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CHAPTER 5 (CODE ENFORCEMENT), PART 1 (BUILDING CODES), SECTION 5-111 (AMENDMENTS TO BUILDING CODES), TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH 2 AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: TO AMEND SECTION 103.5 (FEES) TO CLARIFY THAT FEES ARE SET FORTH IN THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM TIME TO TIME; TO DELETE SECTION 302.4 (WEEDS) IN ITS ENTIRETY; TO AMEND SECTION 304.14 (INSECT SCREENS) TO REQUIRE INSECT SCREENS BE UTILIZED FROM MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15 EACH YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 602.3 (HEAT SUPPLY) TO REQUIRE HEAT BE SUPPLIED TO DWELLINGS FROM OCTOBER 1 TO MAY 1 EACH YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 602.4 (OCCUPIABLE WORK SPACES) TO REQUIRE HEAT BE SUPPLIED TO OCCUPIABLE WORK SPACES FROM OCTOBER 30 TO MAY 1 EACH YEAR; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) TO ADD A NEW PART 5 ENTITLED “BRUSH, WEEDS AND GRASS” TO SPECIFY A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE INCHES (12”) FOR GRASS AND VEGETATION AND TO EXCLUDE FROM SUCH REQUIREMENT LAND USED FOR AGRICULTURAL, ORNAMENTAL OR OTHER USEFUL PURPOSES AND CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: DECLARATION OF NUISANCE; HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS; EXCEPTIONS; NOXIOUS VEGETATION PROHIBITED; NOTICE OF VIOLATION; ABATEMENT; FAILURE TO ABATE; WORK PERFORMED BY TOWNSHIP; AND VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Mr. Hosterman noted the proposed ordinance has been previously discussed and duly advertised. He offered a brief overview of the ordinance and highlighted some issues that were not previously addressed when the International Building Code was adopted by the Township. He stated twelve-inch (12”) high grass is considered a nuisance (with certain exceptions made for agriculture and riparian buffers). The Township will send a Notice of Violation to the property owner giving them ten (10) days to abate problem or the Township can take care of problem and place a lien on property for cost of the services rendered and a fine may be levied. Mr. Hosterman asked if there were any question or comments.

Liz Willow referenced the invasive Spotted Lanternfly pest and asked if the Tree of Heaven, its preferred host tree, is included as a noxious weed. Mark Hosterman noted there are certain species identified in the Township ordinance and PA regulations. There were no further comments or questions for the board and the public hearing ended at 7:17 p.m. Chairman Kolb called for a vote. Karen Nocella motioned to approve passage of Ordinance No. 219 – Brush, Grass, and Weeds. Anthony Duffy seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Before moving on to the next ordinance, Township Engineer, Brady Flaharty, informed the Board and Ms. Willow that he “googled” the PA Department of Agriculture website and the Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) is considered a noxious species.

Proposed Ordinance No. 220 Tax Credits for Volunteer Service Members.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST COVENTRY, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 (TAXATION, SPECIAL), TO ADD A NEW PART 6 ENTITLED “VOLUNTEER SERVICE TAX CREDITS” ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM; ENACTING RIDGE FIRE COMPANY; AND ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS.

Mr. Hosterman noted the proposed ordinance has been previously discussed and duly advertised. He offered a brief overview of the ordinance and opened the floor to question or comments.

Anthony Duffy asked if a resident of East Coventry Township volunteers in another municipality’s fire company are they eligible for the tax credit under this ordinance. Mr. Hosterman stated the ordinance relates to Ridge Fire Company volunteers only, he stated he would have to further review Act 42 regulations regarding eligibility for service in neighboring municipalities. He noted the ordinance was modeled after North Coventry’s ordinance. Michael Moyer stated he thought it was offered specifically to Ridge Fire Company volunteers because Ridge Fire Company is physically located in the Township and is considered the Township’s primary fire responder. A brief discussion ensued concerning the eligibility of volunteers due to residence and where their volunteer services are performed. Mr. Duffy expressed his concern that the benefit is not equitably offered to all volunteers and questioned whether it was fair to not include residents who volunteer for other fire departments. Mr. Rodgers suggested the Board could adopt the ordinance as written and upon further investigation amend it later to include other municipalities. He noted other Fire Departments would have to provide the required documentation of volunteer hours.

Roger Kolb, 768 Ebelhare Road (Deputy Chief Ridge Fire Company), stated he spoke with East Vincent and surrounding townships’ fire companies and their volunteers have to seek tax credit from their township of residence.

There were no other comments or questions to come before the Board. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m. and Chairman Kolb called for a vote. Mr. Moyer motioned to adopt passage of Ordinance No. 220 – Tax Credit for Volunteer Service Members. The motion was seconded by W. Atlee Rinehart, and the motion carried 3-1-1 with Mr. Anthony Duffy voting nay and Chairman Ray Kolb abstaining due to his participation with Ridge Fire Company.

Proposed 2018 East Coventry Township Budget.

The budget was addressed via Resolution 2017-27 under Agenda Item No. 4.

1. Minutes.

Consideration of approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting. Several corrections to the minutes of November 12, 2017 were identified. Chairman Kolb noted on page one, Mr. Lance Parson’s address should be 79 Brownstone Dr. On page 5 of 9 he also recommended inserting language to reflect the availability of funds for possible repairs to the Zeiber Road Bridge and Ms. Nocella and Mr. Moyer requested their motions be corrected as follows:

Authorize \$275,000.00 in funding from the Capital Reserve Fund for possible repairs to the Zeiber Road bridge. ~~in lieu of spending 1 million or more for replacement or doing nothing and leaving the road to dead end at either side of the bridge.~~ Anthony Duffy motioned to approve authorization of \$275,000.00 for possible repairs to the Zeiber Road bridge. The motion was seconded by Karen Nocella Michael Moyer and the motion carried 4-1 with Michael Moyer Karen Nocella dissenting.

Chairman Kolb called for a vote. W. Atlee Rinehart made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2017 with the corrections as noted. Anthony Duffy seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

2. Public Comment.

Chairman Kolb opened the floor to citizen comments.

Ms. Liz Willow offered to serve as a volunteer to mark affected trees or to collect eggs of the Spotted Lanternfly for disposal. She shared her tips for removing egg masses and showed preserved specimens of the Spotted Lanternfly to those in attendance. Attendees observed the specimens and many related their sightings of the pest throughout the Township. The Board thanked for Ms. Willow for her offer and Karen Nocella urged her to attend the next Parks, Recreation, and Conservation meeting.

Mr. Walt Woessner informed the board the DVRP will be conducting a traffic survey for the Pottstown Metropolitan area and he invited Chairman, Ray Kolb to attend the next meeting and offer his input. The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday in January, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Pottstown Borough Hall, 3rd floor.

Missy King 10 Eleanor Dr. commented that she's noticed people are still coming off Old Schuylkill to avoid the light at Bethel Church and making a left turn.

W. Atlee Rinehart said he noticed traffic violation fines are posted on stop signs in East Vincent Township.

3. Ordinances.

- Discussion and Consideration of Adoption - Ordinance No. 218 Parking Regulations.
- Discussion and Consideration of Adoption - Ordinance No. 219 Brush, Grass and Weeds.
- Discussion and Consideration of Adoption - Ordinance No. 220 Tax Credits For Volunteer Service Members.

All three ordinances were discussed and adopted immediately following the Public Hearing.

4. Adoption of Township Budget, Tax Rate and Pay Plan for 2018. Resolution 2017-26 2018 Township Budget.

WORKING BUDGET SUMMARY 3 2018

	General Fund 01	Benefit Escrow Fund 01A	Open Space Fund 04	Sewer Operating Fund 08	Sewer Capital Fund 09	Traffic Impact Fund 16	Capital Reserve Fund 30	Highway State Aid Fund 35	Total All Funds
Beginning Balance	873,724.00	60,167.82	1,253,765.00	354,411.00	1,373,856.00	280,776.00	720,851.00	179,440.00	4,886,789.82
Revenues	3,349,154.44	20,012.00	688,400.00	725,010.00	207,810.00	82,570.00	541,400.00	277,465.00	5,791,661.44
Total Available Funds	4,022,878.44	70,179.82	1,842,165.00	1,079,421.00	1,581,666.00	373,346.00	1,262,051.00	456,945.00	10,686,351.36
Expenses	3,355,626.78	0.00	451,375.83	489,922.09	20,000.00	270,000.00	407,000.00	293,800.00	5,287,724.80
Ending Balance	\$ 667,251.66	\$ 70,179.82	\$ 1,390,789.07	\$ 589,498.91	\$ 1,561,666.00	\$ 103,346.00	\$ 855,051.00	\$ 163,045.00	\$ 5,400,626.56

Consideration of approval of Resolution 2017-26 for the adoption of the 2018 proposed budget. Township Manager, Bernard Rodgers, noted the proposed 2018 budget had been previously discussed and duly advertised. There were no further comments or questions brought before the board. Chairman Kolb called for a vote. Karen Nocella made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-26 approving adoption of the proposed 2018 budget. The motion was seconded by Michael Moyer and the motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2017-27 Tax Rate Resolution. Consideration of approval of Resolution 2017-27 establishing the 2018 real estate tax rate. Township Manager, Bernard Rodgers, noted the tax millage rate remains unchanged from the previous year. There were no further comments or questions to come before the Board. Chairman Kolb called for a vote. Mr. Anthony Duffy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-27 approving the 2018 real estate tax. The motion was seconded by Karen Nocella and the motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2017-28 Pay Plan. Consideration of approval of Resolution 2017-28 establishing the 2018 pay plan. Township Manager, Bernard Rodgers, noted the 2018 pay plan, as part of the proposed 2018 budget which was just adopted provided for a 3% raise for non-uniform employees and the Chief of Police. There were no further comments or questions to come before the Board. Chairman Kolb called for a vote to approve Resolution 2017-28 establishing the 2018 pay plan. Karen Nocella made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-28 and the motion was seconded by W. Atlee Rinehart. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Reports.

Consideration of Township Manager Report.

- **Five (5) Year Farm Leases. Discussion and consideration of sealed bid results for approval.** Township Manager, Bernard Rodgers, presented an overview of the bids received Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. for farm leases at the Creekview and Heyser tracts.

Creekview:

Bidder	Address	City State	Zip	1st Year Bid	2nd Year Bid	3rd Year Bid	4th Year Bid	5th Year Bid	Total
Warihay Farms and Harvesting	580 N. Colebrook Road	Manheim PA	17545	\$4,800.50	\$4,900.50	\$5,000.50	\$5,500.50	\$6,720.90	\$26,922.90
Arthur A. Kulp	1520 Harvey Lane	Pottstown PA	19465	\$2,000.00	\$5,350.00	\$5,350.00	\$5,350.00	\$5,350.00	\$23,400.00
Corey Mowrer	2980 Coventryville Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$3,780.00	\$3,780.00	\$3,780.00	\$3,780.00	\$3,780.00	\$18,900.00
George Strutynski Jr	1129 Schoolhouse Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,210.00	\$15,870.00

Heyser:

Bidder	Address	City State	Zip	1st Year Bid	2nd Year Bid	3rd Year Bid	4th Year Bid	5th Year Bid	Total
Arthur A. Kulp	1520 Harvey Lane	Pottstown PA	19465	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$9,000.00
George Strutynski Jr	1129 Schoolhouse Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,590.00	\$1,590.00	\$1,605.00	\$7,935.00
Warihay Enterprises	580 N. Colebrook Rd.	Manheim PA	17545	\$1,200.50	\$1,300.50	\$1,400.50	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,401.50

Mr. Rodgers recommended the Board award the leases to the highest bidders: Mr. Robert Warihay, Creekview property and Mr. Arthur Kulp, Heyser tract. Ray Kolb asked if the attorney has reviewed the lease agreement. Mr. Rodgers responded in the affirmative and noted the same language was used in previous agreements and the lease was provided to bidders in their bid packets. Karen Nocella questioned why the lease should be awarded to the highest bidder, she would prefer to see them awarded to local farmers. Mr. Kolb responded that issue had been addressed at length in previous years and the Township is not permitted to do so. Ray Kolb

motioned to award the leases to the highest bidders. Michael Moyer seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-1-0 with Ms. Nocella dissenting.

- **Letter of Credit – Parkerford Properties, Inc. Consideration and approval to authorize release of funds in the amount of \$23,491.80 to issuer BBT.** Mr. Rodgers informed the Board that Parkerford Properties, Inc. has an outstanding letter of credit. He noted their project dates back to 2005 and they are in compliance with all conditions of land development requirements except for the relocation of a PECO pole. The pole was unable to be moved due to monitoring equipment serviced by the pole to monitor a nearby Superfund site. The EPA is finished at the site and removed their equipment. The property owner is presently in contact with PECO to move the pole. The property owner's original LOC (Letter of Credit) was with PNC which was acquired by BB&T and BB&T has informed the property owner it will not renew the LOC. The property owner has agreed to post a new letter of credit by mid-January 2018 and seeks to closeout the existing LOC with BB&T. Chairman Kolb called for a vote. W. Rinehart motioned to approve the draw-down
 - of the existing LOC if new security is not received from the property owner by mid-January 2018. The motion was seconded by Karen Nocella and the motion carried 5-0.
 - **Discussion and consideration of PA Route 724/Wells Road Signal Warrant Evaluation.** Mr. Rodgers stated this agenda item was included for informational purposes. He noted McMahon and Associates found conditions do warrant a traffic study at that location and the requisite paperwork has been submitted to PennDOT for its comments.
 - **Resolution No. 2017-25.** Consideration and approval of Resolution 2017-25 appointing Reinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP to replace the elected auditors of East Coventry Township and make an examination of all accounts of the Township for fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. Mr. Rodgers explained the Township is required to retain the services of a CPA firm to perform an audit of the Township's finances in order to comply with conditions of its bond financing. Chairman Kolb called for a vote. W. Atlee Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-25 appointing Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP to replace the elected auditors. The motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy and the motion carried 5-0.
 - **Consideration and approval of Township Engineer Report.** Ray Kolb informed Mr. Flaharty he was asked by the farmer of a field adjacent to the East Coventry Elementary School site if he should expect wet conditions to continue with the swale that was installed. Mr. Flaharty replied he would look into the issue. Chairman Kolb called for a vote to approve the Township Engineer's report. W. Atlee Rinehart made a motion to approve the report and the motion was seconded by Michael Moyer. The motion carried 5-0.
 - **Consideration and approval of reports from various departments and committees.** Chairman Kolb called for a vote to approve reports from various departments and committees. W. Atlee Rinehart motioned to approve the reports and Anthony Duffy seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
6. **Subdivisions and Land Development.** Mr. Rodgers informed the Board that Mr. Dave Eckhardt, property owner of the Vaughn Road dirt bike tract, has submitted a Minor Subdivision application for the tract. The application has been placed on the agenda of the Planning Commission's December 20,

2017 meeting. He noted the property owner has also made application to North Coventry Township, which meets on the 20th as well.

7. **Other Business.** Confirmation of the date and time for the January 2nd, 2018 Reorganization meeting was discussed. Chairman Kolb made a motion to set the date and time of the Reorganization meeting for Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. and grant authorization to advertise the meeting. Mr. Michael Moyer seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

- **Consideration and approval of request submitted by Tax Collector to delete the names of permanently exempt disabled veterans from ECT Per Capita Tax File.** Chairman Kolb called for a vote and Michael Moyer motioned to approve the request to delete the names of permanently exempt disabled veterans from ECT Per Capita Tax File as submitted by East Coventry Township's Tax Collector. Ms. Karen Nocella seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.
- **Resolution 2017-29 Disposition of Tax Records.** Consideration of approval of Resolution 2017-29 disposing of the 2015 Tax Records. Chairman Kolb called for a vote. W. Atlee Rinehart motioned to approve Resolution 2017-29 Disposition of Tax Records. The motion was seconded by Karen Nocella and the motion carried 5-0.
- **Resolution 2017-30 Transfer of Funds.** Consideration of approval of Resolution 2017-30 authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Capital of Reserve Fund in the amount of \$350,000.00. Chairman Kolb called for a vote. W. Atlee Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-30; the motion was seconded by Karen Nocella and the motion carried 5-0.
- **Discussion and consideration of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee Pickleball Court Proposal.** Chairman Kolb opened the floor to members of the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee. Karen Nocella introduced Chairman, Bruce Stephens and Gary Hughes and they presented a copy of the proposed Pickleball court expansion plan to the Supervisors and Township Engineer Brady Flaharty.

They explained that the Committee, due to the increasing popularity of Pickleball, would like to install a double court to eliminate wait time for players. Referencing the plan, they pointed out the proposed installation of benches, parking spots, and the location of the expanded court. Mr. Flaharty asked if special paint is required to prevent permeability? He stated it would be most cost effective if the court's surface could be porous. Mr. Hughes stated he would check into the paint issue and find out if the porous surface would be adequate for playing. Mr. Flaharty stated he would need that information along with the official size of the court to determine the cost of the project. Mr. Hughes stated he would forward him that information.

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Hughes also informed the Board in addition to exploring court surfacing options they are also exploring permanent net installations and grant funding options. They noted neighboring towns are interested in forming teams and they were certain the courts would be well utilized. Karen Nocella stated that Pickleball will start again on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the weather warms up and she encouraged the Supervisors to check it out.

- **Update on PECO Grant submittal.** Karen Nocella informed the Board that Patrick Gardner would be speaking at tomorrow's Northern Federation meeting regarding the PECO Green grant project. She related the Township needs to reapply by December 31st and was hopeful by

“tweaking” the grant narrative with input from Mr. Gardner, the Township would be awarded in the next grant cycle.

Township Manager, Bernard Rodgers, informed the Board they had previously approved submittal of the PECO \$10k grant application with the Township providing an \$11k match. He stated the Board would need to adopt a new resolution to authorize this grant application submittal by December 31st and he suggested upping the Township match to \$15,000.00. He noted it would be at least six to seven months before funds were received. Mr. Rinehart questioned why the Township was not awarded the grant initially. Ms. Nocella stated she was informed the competition was stiff, but with this resubmittal she would like to emphasize the PECO/Fricks Lock connection. Historical Commission Chairwoman, Gail Brown, informed the Board there is a stakeholders meeting coming up in January and she invited Ms. Nocella to attend.

Chairman Kolb called for a vote to authorize submittal by Resolution 2017-31 of the PECO Green grant application by December 31st, 2017 with a Township match of \$15,000.00. Karen Nocella seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

- **Meeting Room Request.** Chairman Kolb called for a vote to approve use of the Supervisors Room at no cost to the Chester County Democratic Committee Zone One for their monthly committee meetings in 2018. W. Atlee Rinehart expressed concern over conflicting reservations and questioned the meeting time and number of attendees. Ms. Nocella stated the Committee typically meets at 6:30 p.m. with 20 in attendance. Mr. Rodgers stated he was unaware of conflicts on the first Tuesday of each month and based on the number in attendance, the smaller meeting room is always an option. Michael Moyer made a motion to approve the usage by the Chester County Democratic Committee at no cost. The motion was seconded by Karen Nocella. The motion carried 5-0.
- 8. **Exonerations.** Chairman Kolb called for a vote to approve the Exonerations as presented by the East Coventry Township Tax Collector. W. Atlee Rinehart motioned to approve the Exonerations as presented; the motion was seconded by Karen Nocella and the motion carried 5-0.
- 9. **Payment of Bills.** Chairman Kolb called for a vote to approve the payment of bills as presented. Anthony Duffy motioned to approve the payment of bills; the motion was seconded by W. Atlee Rinehart and the motion carried 5-0.
- 10. **Information and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board.** Chairman Kolb reported the Santa Party at Ridge Fire Company was very well attended with close to 60 children in attendance. He stated the Womens Club really did a good job and the kids really enjoyed themselves. He also reminded the Supervisors of the upcoming Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Ellis Woods Revolutionary War Soldiers cemetery. He stated he will be attending.

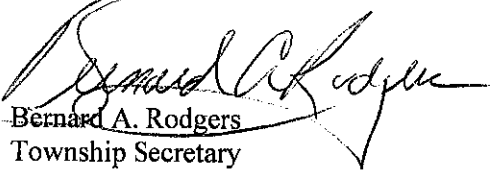
Chairman Kolb opened the floor to the Township Solicitor, Engineer, and the Board of Supervisors. Well-wishes for the holidays were offered by all. Mr. Rinehart reminded those in attendance about the Ridge Fire Company street address signage available for sale and urged all to purchase the street numbers so responders can find your home in the case of an emergency.

Mr. Rodgers reported DCNR awarded the \$375,000 grant to the Township for the Fricks Lock Village Trailhead project, with matching funds provided by Chester County, and informed the Board the paperwork should be arriving the first of the year for signatures.

Mr. Kolb asked if the final payment of the Kulp Road bridge project has been submitted to the contractor. Mr. Rodgers stated that Payment Applications 3 & 4 from Grace Industries, Inc., requesting payment have been received. Mr. Kolb called for a vote to authorize payment of Application 3 in the amount of \$85,806.00 and Application 4 in the amount of \$56,243.79 (totaling \$142,049.79) to Grace Industries, Incorporated. W. Atlee Rinehart made a motion to authorize payment; the motion was seconded by Karen Nocella, and the motion carried 5-0.

- 11. Adjournment.** There was no other business to be brought before the Board and Chairman Kolb called for a vote to adjourn. Karen Nocella made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Bernard A. Rodgers
Township Secretary